

But this is more than just bureaucrats spending money the wrong way. It is about defrauding our children and our schools. If it expects schools to be accountable, the Department has to be accountable. Secretary Paige must continue to stand up for children and oppose bureaucrats eager to waste money, education money, for their own personal gain. We need to get the money into the classroom where it belongs.

ADVOCATING INCREASED OPENNESS IN GOVERNMENT

(Mr. LAMPSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, with all that has been happening in the State of Texas, the Texas 51, the turmoil with people feeling that there is not an open process in the Texas legislature and why the House members there chose to send a message that we must open up our government, we find it interesting now that there is a report that the Department of Homeland Security is refusing to turn loose tapes that gave an indication of who requested an effort on the part of the Homeland Security agency of the United States Government to track the plane of State Representative Pete Laney in Texas.

We have got to have an open government, one that the people feel confident in and be able to know that we are not hiding something, not trying to keep secrets from the public. Let us open this process up and include all of the people in America so that they can have a voice not just here in the United States House of Representatives but in the State House of Representatives in Texas and every other State in our Union.

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS LADY EAGLES

(Mr. BURGESS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the University of North Texas Lady Eagles for setting school history by winning the 2003 Sun Belt Conference Outdoor Track and Field Championships. This win is especially sweet for these hard-working ladies. They won their first-ever women's outdoor conference track championship with 179.66 on their home turf, Fouts Field, in Denton, Texas.

Rick Watkins, the University's director of track, was also named the league's women's coach of the year for the third time in the last 4 years. The University of North Texas women won gold medals in three field events on the final day, with a total of five first-place finishes. A 1-2 finish in the women's shotput by Latrecia Taylor and Ciji Brooks provided the biggest boost for the Lady Eagles, with Taylor win-

ning the event with a school-record effort, and Brooks took second.

Lakisha Gentry recorded the second-longest javelin throw in the school. Ananka Clark raced to the second place in the 100- and finished third in the 200-meters. Tiffanie Jordan won the women's triple jump by more than a foot. Rhonda Williams won the long jump.

I hope my colleagues will join me in honoring these with young ladies and congratulating them on a season of hard work and commitment.

WORLD/COM/MCI

(Mr. MEEKS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MEEKS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning to bring an urgent matter to the attention of my colleagues in the House. After recording the largest corporate fraud in United States history, costing thousands of jobs and \$176 billion in losses to investors, representing three times that of Enron, WorldCom is back, just rebranding themselves to their former name MCI.

As a supporter of reforming our bankruptcy laws, I am shocked how MCI or any other company can be rewarded for cooking the books, cheating and stealing, and stand to gain by their criminal behavior. Reorganization under the bankruptcy laws should not apply when the assets are the product of criminal activities. Bankruptcy should not be the vehicle for laundering stolen goods. This is the case with MCI, even though they have changed their name and recently rolled out a new marketing campaign to distance themselves from their "criminal stigma." What an artificial advantage for MCI, our bankruptcy laws.

In conclusion, here is an idea how MCI can market themselves. They can market by saying: MCI stands for massive corporate indiscrepancies.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. TERRY). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later today.

VETERANS' MEMORIAL PRESERVATION AND RECOGNITION ACT OF 2003

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 330) to further the protection and recognition of veterans' memorials, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read as follows:

S. 330

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Veterans' Memorial Preservation and Recognition Act of 2003".

SEC. 2. CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR DESTRUCTION OF VETERANS' MEMORIALS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 65 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

"§ 1369. Destruction of veterans' memorials

"(a) Whoever, in a circumstance described in subsection (b), willfully injures or destroys, or attempts to injure or destroy, any structure, plaque, statue, or other monument on public property commemorating the service of any person or persons in the armed forces of the United States shall be fined under this title, imprisoned not more than 10 years, or both.

"(b) A circumstance described in this subsection is that—

"(1) in committing the offense described in subsection (a), the defendant travels or causes another to travel in interstate or foreign commerce, or uses the mail or an instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce; or

"(2) the structure, plaque, statue, or other monument described in subsection (a) is located on property owned by, or under the jurisdiction of, the Federal Government."

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 65 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

"1369. Destruction of veterans' memorials."

SEC. 3. HIGHWAY SIGNS RELATING TO VETERANS CEMETERIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the terms of any agreement entered into by the Secretary of Transportation and a State under section 109(d) or 402(a) of title 23, United States Code, a veterans cemetery shall be treated as a site for which a supplemental guide sign may be placed on any Federal-aid highway.

(b) APPLICABILITY.—Subsection (a) shall apply to an agreement entered into before, on, or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. SENSENBRENNER) and the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. SCOTT) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. SENSENBRENNER).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on S. 330, the Senate bill currently under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Wisconsin?

There was no objection.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of S. 330, the Veterans' Memorial Preservation and Recognition Act of 2003. Attacks against Federal cemeteries and veterans' memorials uniquely affront the memory of those who have sacrificed for our freedom and undermine